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FOURTH OF JULY



YORKTOWN
WINE
FESTIVAL



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PARADE



2014 York County 40M
Dates and Times are subject to change without notice

WINTER / SPRING

Opening Weekend, March 29 & 30 – Watermen's Museum, 10 am to 5 pm. Come see the museum and tour the grounds. Enter the Chowder "Taste Off" or visit the gift shop. Admission is free for the weekend. 309 Water Street. Admission. \$ (757) 887.2641

Opening Tuesday, April 1 – Gallery at York Hall. Relish in revolving exhibits of fine art in all media by local artists for display and sale. Open April-Dec. Tues.-Sat., 10 am to 4 pm; Sun., 1 to 4 pm. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.4490



Returning Tuesday, April 1 – Schooner Alliance. Set sail for a bygone era aboard Yorktown's Tall Ship Alliance. Three sails daily from Riverwalk Landing Pier, April to Nov. 2. Food and beverages available for purchase. Advanced reservations recommended. Admission. \$ (888) 316.6422

Returning Friday, April 4 – The Yorktown Trolley, 11 am to 5 pm. The free trolley provides transportation throughout the village of Historic Yorktown from the Yorktown Battlefield to the Yorktown Victory Center, as well as several stops in between, including Riverwalk Landing. Daily April 4 to Nov. 2 with extended hours of 10 am to 5:30 pm, May 24 to Sept. 1. Free. (757) 890.3500



Every Friday, April - November – Outdoor Dance or Concert, 6 to 8 pm. Theme dances. Guest and house bands and performers, sea shanty singers, nautical music and displays. Food and beverages available for purchase. Watermen's Museum. Admission varies. \$ (757) 887.2641

Opening Saturday, April 5 – The York County Historical Museum. Embark on a journey through 400 years of York County history. Tues. & Thurs.-Sun., 1 to 3:30 pm through August 31. Call for group tours. York Hall (Lower Level), 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 898.4910

Returning Monday, April 7 – Pirate Adventure Cruises. Bring the kids to Captain Mayhem's School of Piracy aboard the Yorktown Schooners Serenity & Alliance. Mon., Wed., Fri.-Sun. at 11:30 am. Advance reservations recommended. Admission. \$ (888) 316.6422

Saturday, April 12 – Yorktown Kite Demo & Gathering, 1 to 5 pm. Join us at the Yorktown beach for kite demonstrations and an afternoon of kite flying. Bring your kite or borrow one from Patriot Tours and Provisions. Yorktown Beach. Free. (757) 969.5400

April 19-20 – First Weekend of National Park Week (Historic Jamestowne and Yorktown Battlefield). Free admission to National Parks and other federal sites throughout the country. Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, (757) 898.2410

Saturday and Sunday, April 26 & 27 – Pirates Invade Yorktown, 10 am to 6 pm. Pirates, representing seafaring life in the late 17th and 18th-centuries, invade Yorktown. Visit the encampment, watch cannon firing demonstrations, and sing with pirates. Riverwalk Landing and Watermen's Museum. Free. (757) 890.3500

Saturday, April 26 – National Park Service Junior Ranger Day, 9 am to 5 pm. Special activities for children will enable them to earn a "National" Junior Ranger Patch. Yorktown Battlefield. Admission. \$ (757) 898.2410

Wednesday, April 30 – 81st Historic Garden Week Home & Garden Tour in Yorktown, 10 am to 5 pm. The Historic Garden Week tour in Yorktown features an area steeped in Colonial and Revolutionary War history. It features five private homes and gardens, as well as one additional garden all within walking distance. Historic Yorktown Village. Admission \$. www.VAGardenWeek.org

Saturday, May 3 – Colonial Historic Beer Drinking Vessels Exhibition, 10 am to 4 pm. Exhibition and Slide Show created by Michele Erickson, Potter and Artifacts Historian, and Merry Abbitt Outlaw, Assistant Curator of Jamestowne Rediscovery. See historic reproduction examples from the Yorktown Poor Potter excavation, Colonial Williamsburg's Collection and from England. Mead jugs, puzzle jugs, and posset pots will be included. Ms. Outlaw will discuss the history of the Poor Potter. Yorktown Freight Shed, 331 Water Street. Free. (757) 293.8553

Saturday, May 3 – Blues, Brews, and BBQ Festival, 12 pm to 6 pm. Join us for Yorktown's first Blues, Brews & BBQ, a festival on the river. Enjoy down-home blues, incredible microbrews, and amazing BBQ. Riverwalk Landing, 331 Water Street. \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. (757) 877.2933 or www.villageevents.org.

Sunday, May 4 – Art at the River Juried Art Show, 10 am to 5 pm. Artwork by over 40 talented artists at the first juried art show on the beautiful Yorktown waterfront. Painters, sculptors, potters, jewelers, and many other innovative and creative artists. Come and select your "People's Choice" artist. Live entertainment will include Ron Fetner at 12 p.m. followed by The Blues Empacts band at 2 pm. Food and beverages available. Riverwalk Landing, 331 Water Street. Free. (757) 898.5510



Saturday, May 10 – Yorktown Market Days kicks off with Fitness Market, 8 am to 12 pm. The 8th Annual Market Days season kicks off with more than 35 local farmers, producers, artists, and vendors offering a variety of local favorites. The 4th Annual Fitness Market is designed to help residents understand the resources available to aid in living a healthier lifestyle. Shop the market and make your way to the fitness section for free giveaways, information, and classes. Activities include numerous vendors, fitness classes, healthy cooking demonstrations, free health screenings, and information. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Saturdays, May 17-September 27 – Yorktown Market Days, 8 am to 12 pm. Fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, coffee, quality art, entertainment, and much more await you at the Saturday morning markets. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Memorial Day Weekend, May 24 & 25 – Civil War Weekend, 9 am to 5 pm. Tactical demonstrations, encampments, and a Confederate field hospital interpret the role Yorktown played during the 1862 Peninsula Campaign. On Sunday special memorial ceremonies will take place at the Yorktown National Cemetery and Confederate Cemetery. Yorktown Battlefield. Admission. \$ (757) 898.2410

Saturday, May 24 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 4:30 pm. Nelson House on Main Street. Free. (757) 898.9418

Monday, May 26 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 11:45 am. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 898.9418

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 12 pm. Includes the posting of colors, historical re-enactors, a guest speaker, the placing of flowers, and the presentation of awards to student winners of the "York County Remembers" Poster Essay Contest. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.3500

SUMMER

June 1-30 – "Fashion in Colonial Virginia" Theme Month, 9 am to 5 pm. From leather to linen, explore how clothing of the period was fashioned. Jamestown Settlement and Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

Saturdays, June 7-28 – Yorktown Market Days, 8 am to 12 pm. See May 17 listing for details.

Sundays, June 1-29 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 3:45 pm

at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. 4:45 pm at the Yorktown waterfront. Free. (757) 898.9418

Wednesdays, June 4-25 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 5 pm. Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. (757) 898.9418

Thursdays, June 5-26 – “Shagging on the Riverwalk” Beach Music Concert Series, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. Put on your dancing shoes and join us for this annual concert series featuring a variety of beach music for all ages. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Sunday, June 22 – TRADOC Woodwind Quintet, 5 pm. The TRADOC Winds, consisting of a bass, oboe, clarinet, flute, and French horn, are often featured at small ceremonial events. The group will perform in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Friday, July 4 – Independence Day 8K/5K, 8 am. An 8K run on the scenic roads and trails of the Yorktown Battlefield. Walkers and shorter distance runners are invited to a non-scored 5K event. Both runs begin and end near Surrender Field. Parking and registration at York High School begins at 6:30 am. Admission. \$. (757) 890.3500

Friday, July 4 – Yorktown Independence Day Celebration, 9 am to 9:45 pm. Come salute America along the Yorktown waterfront beginning with a 9 am patriotic parade on Water Street. Evening activities feature: a bell-ringing ceremony at 7 pm, live musical entertainment at 8 pm at Riverwalk Landing, and spectacular fireworks on the York River at 9:15 p.m. Free. (757) 890.3500

Friday-Sunday, July 4-6 – Liberty Celebration, 9 am to 6 pm. America’s independence is marked with military drills, role-playing demonstrations and artillery. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

Saturdays, July 5-26 – Yorktown Market Days, 8 am to 12 pm. See May 17 listing for details.

Sundays, July 6, 13 & 27 and Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16, & 30 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Sundays, 3:45 pm at Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. Wednesdays, 5 pm at Yorktown Victory Monument. Free. (757) 898.9418

Sunday, July 6 – Peninsula Concert Band, 5 pm. Always a popular program of varied musical selections and patriotic music, this concert is held in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Thursdays, July 10 -24 – “Shagging on the Riverwalk” Beach Music Concert Series, 6:30 to 9:30 pm. See June 5 listing for details.

Sunday, July 13 – Ron Fetner, Guitarist, 5 pm. Celebrating 25 years of entertaining, Ron plays anything from blues and jazz to contemporary music, drawing on traditional folk, southeastern roots music, early blues, and jazz. This concert is held in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Monday, July 14 – Bastille Day Wine Dinner, 7 pm. A five-course French dinner paired with acclaimed wines from France. A guest speaker will discuss the wines and wineries. Riverwalk Restaurant. Admission. \$ (757) 875.1522

Sunday, July 20 – Lana Puckett & Kim Person, 6 pm. Well-known local duo performs a mixture of contemporary and country songs in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Sunday, July 27 – TRADOC Brass Quintet, 5 pm. TRADOC’s “Colonial Brass” quintet often appears at military ceremonies and public events and offers formal or casual entertainment featuring two trumpets, a trombone, a tuba, and a French horn. This concert is held in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

August 1-31 – “Arms & Artillery” Theme Month, 9 am to 5 pm. Discover a range of 18th-century arms and artillery – and firings too! Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

Saturdays, August 2-30 – Yorktown Market Days, 8 am to 12 pm. See May 17 listing for details.

Sunday, August 3 – Runaway String Band, 5 pm. Singing bluegrass, country, folk, and contemporary selections, this popular group will perform in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Sundays, August 3-31 – The Fifes and Drums of York Town, 3:45 pm at the Yorktown Battlefield Visitor Center. Included with admission. (757) 898.9418

Tuesday, August 5 – Naval Weapons Station Yorktown 96th Anniversary Band Concert, 6:30 to 8 pm. Naval Weapons Station Yorktown commemorates its 96th birthday celebration with a concert by the United States Fleet Forces Band from Norfolk, VA. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Sunday, August 10 – Magic of Harmony Show Chorus, 6 pm. A favorite local singing group performing traditional barbershop melodies and contemporary pop and musical theatre songs. This concert is held in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490



Tuesdays, August 12-26 – Military Band Concert Series, 6:30 to 8 pm. A different ensemble performs each week presented by musicians from Langley Air Force Base and Ft. Eustis, VA. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Sunday, August 24 - Poisoned Dwarf, 5 pm. A program of Celtic music focusing primarily on traditional Irish tunes. This concert is held in the churchyard at Grace Episcopal Church. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating and pack a picnic supper. 111 Church Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Saturday, August 30 – Virginia Symphony Concert, 7:30 pm. Pre-concert performance by the Fifes and Drums of York Town and picnic judging, 6 pm. Pack a picnic supper, bring a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy the performance under a canopy of stars. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.4490

FALL

Fridays, September 5-October 3 – “Rhythms on the Riverwalk” Concert Series, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Get your toes tappin’ to fantastic sounds during this five- week concert series featuring three Fridays of toe tappin’ Jazz and Big Band followed by two Fridays of knee slappin’ Country. Bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Saturdays, September 6-27 – Yorktown Market Days, 8 am to 12 pm. See May 17 listing for details.

Sunday, September 28 – Yorktown Art Stroll, 11 am to 6 pm. Riverwalk merchants and the Historic Freight Shed will be filled with paintings and hand crafted artwork by some of the region’s most talented artists. Visit and talk with the artists’

or sit and watch as they demonstrate their work. Restaurants will feature specials. Free. For more information or to apply, e-mail yorktownartsfoundation@gmail.com

Friday, October 3 – “Rhythms on the Riverwalk” Concert Series, 6:30 to 8:30 pm. See September 5 listing for details.

Saturday, October 4 – Yorktown Wine Festival, 12 to 6 pm. Come and sample wines from premiere wineries throughout the Commonwealth. Art and food vendors, plus entertainment, are also scheduled. Rain or Shine. Riverwalk Landing. Admission is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the door. www.villageevents.org (757) 877.2933

Saturday and Sunday, October 4 & 5 – Oktoberfest, 10 am to 9 pm. Enjoy the rich heritage of early German immigrants. Activities include vendors, music and displays. Food and beverages available for purchase. Watermen’s Museum. Free. (757) 887.2641

Saturday, October 11 - Yorktown Market Days and Fall Festival Celebration, 8 am to 3 pm. In addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, baked goods, specialty cut flowers, quality art, and entertainment, there will be hayrides, a pumpkin patch and Children’s Hay Maze, Face Painting, and Children’s Activities. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Sunday, October 12 – Re-enactment play of the York Town, Virginia Tea Party of 1774, 12:30 pm. Performances by the York Town Tea Players and The Fifes and Drums of York Town. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 898.1936

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19 – Yorktown Victory Weekend, 9 am to 5 pm. Artillery programs by British and American reenactment units and park ranger guided tours help mark the 233rd anniversary of the American and French victory at Yorktown. Yorktown Battlefield. Free on Saturday; Admission on Sunday. \$ (757) 898.2410. At the Yorktown Victory Center, experience military life, artillery demonstrations and hands-on programs. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

Saturday and Sunday, October 18 & 19 – York River Maritime Heritage Festival, 10 am to 5 pm. Come join the Watermen’s Museum for two days of family fun with re-enactors, sea shanties and maritime music, displays, vendors, maritime crafts, boat building, and more. Watermen’s Museum. Free. (757) 887.2641

Sunday, October 19 – Yorktown Day, 9 am to 5 pm. Ceremonies, a parade, fifes and drums performances, and special programs commemorate the 233rd anniversary of America’s momentous Revolutionary War victory at Yorktown. Yorktown Battlefield. Free. (757) 898.2410

HOLIDAYS

Saturday and Sunday, November 8 & 9 - Yorktown Holiday Open House Weekend, 9 am to 5 pm. Soak up the ambiance of Historic Yorktown. Special events, festive decorations, special sales, discounts, door prizes, strolling entertainment, and much more await you as you start or finish your holiday shopping. Hours of operation vary by business. Free. (757) 890.4490

Saturday, November 8 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 3 pm. As part of Yorktown’s Holiday Open House Weekend, the market will extended hours and offer items unique to the holiday season, in addition to the usual array of fresh produce, meat and seafood, quality art, and more. Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Saturday, November 8 – Chili Cook-Off, 11 am to 3 pm. Come and sample the competitors’ chili and vote for the People’s Choice. Additional chili may be purchased, if available. Call for rules and application forms to enter. Watermen’s Museum. Admission. \$ (757) 887.2641

Tuesday, November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony, 12 pm. “Letters from War” is the theme of this annual event in which all veterans are honored. York Hall, 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.3500

Thursday-Saturday, November 27-29 – Foods & Feasts of Colonial Virginia, 9 am to 5 pm. Explore 18th-century Virginia foodways by exploring typical soldiers’ fare of the American Revolution and tracing the farm’s bounty from field to kitchen. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

December 1-January 4, 2015 – A Colonial Christmas, 9 am to 5 pm; closed Christmas and New Year’s days. Holiday traditions of 18th-century Virginia are recalled through special interpretive programs. Yorktown Victory Center. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

Friday, December 5 – Christmas Tree Lighting, 7:30 pm. A tradition that began in 1945 continues with the Yorktown Christmas Tree Lighting. Evening highlights include a 7 pm performance by The Fifes and Drums of York Town at the Victory Monument, festive music at Riverwalk Landing, the procession of lights through the historic village, and the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Free. (757) 890.3500



Saturday, December 6 – Christmas Market on Main, 10 am to 3 pm. Whether you are searching for a holiday gift for family, friends, or as a treat to yourself, you’re sure to find it at the Christmas Market on Main. The market features arts and crafts vendors, strolling musical entertainment, and a visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus. Historic Main Street. Free. (757) 890.3500

Saturday, December 6 – Watermen’s Museum Oyster Roast, 11 am to 3 pm. Enjoy raw and roasted oysters and sides; alternative entrees available for non-seafood eaters. Watermen’s Museum. Ticket Required. \$ (757) 887.2641

Saturday, December 6 – Yorktown Lighted Boat Parade, 7 pm. Festively decorated sail and power boats compete for “Best in Show.” The Yorktown waterfront is bedazzled with holiday sights and sounds, including a spectacular floating parade of lights, caroling around a roaring beach bonfire, musical performances and complimentary hot cider. Yorktown waterfront. Free. (757) 890.4970

Sunday, December 7 – Cookies with Santa, 1 to 4 pm. Christmas is alive at York Hall where children and parents can visit with Santa Claus, enjoy some tasty treats, and shop for holiday gifts in the Gallery at York Hall. Cameras are encouraged. 301 Main Street. Free. (757) 890.4490

Saturday, December 13 – Breakfast with Santa, 8:30 am. Join Santa and Mrs. Claus, our special guests from the North Pole, for a kid-friendly breakfast. Experience the enchantment on the children’s faces as they relay their Christmas wish list to Santa. Special treats for the kids. Riverwalk Restaurant. Seating is limited. Tickets Required. \$ (757) 875.1522

Saturday, December 13 – Yorktown Market Days, 9 am to 3 pm. See November 8 listing for details.

Saturday, December 13– Toyland Parade, 1 pm. Decorate a stroller, wagon, yourself, or even a pet and join in the 1:30 pm parade. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to greet the guests. The Fifes and Drums of York Town will lead the parade, and as an added treat, the Polar Express will be chugging along through Riverwalk Landing. All aboard! Riverwalk Landing. Free. (757) 890.3500

Yorktown Victory Center

Daily: Join an artillery crew at the Yorktown Victory Center’s re-created Continental Army encampment to learn the steps in preparing an artillery piece for firing. Then, step back, cover your ears and watch as interpreters actually fire the replica cannon or mortar. Admission. \$ (757) 253.4838

Yorktown Victory Center welcomes visitors daily while work is underway to transform the site into the American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, opening late 2016.